

WINTER
BLOOD

SCREAM



CHAPMAN
BROWN
ROSENBERG





WE ALL MAKE
SACRIFICES.

A SUPER VILLAIN NAMED SHRIEK
SACRIFICED HERSELF FOR THE
ONE SHE LOVED...

TOO BAD IT WAS CARNAGE,
AND HE REPAID HER BY
RIPPING HER SPINE OUT.

HE USED HER
BODY AS A VESSEL
TO RESURRECT THE
DEMON CALLED...

...DEMAGOBLIN.

NOW DEMAGOBLIN
HAS BEEN LURING
INNOCENT CHILDREN INTO
HER OWN KIDDIE CULT.

TRAIL WENT
COLD A FEW
DAYS AGO...

...BUT IT'S BEEN
A CRAZY WEEK.

THE GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, KNULL,
HAS COVERED THE WORLD IN A
SYMBIOTE DOME AS HIS LEGION OF
DRAGONS TERRORIZE AND DEVOUR
THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.

KNULL, THE CREATOR
AND GOD OF THE
SYMBIOTES. ONE OF HIS
PETS NEARLY KILLED ME.

STILL, DEMAGOBIN'S
BEEN BRAINWASHING
HOMELESS BOYS AND
GIRLS INTO BLINDLY
FOLLOWING HER.

SHE'S USING HER
DEMONIC HELLFIRE
TO HYPNOTIZE
HER DISCIPLES.

ACOLYTES,
SHE CALLS
THEM.

NO
MORE.

WE WILL PUT HER
BACK IN THE GROUND.
NOT JUST BURY HER...

...WE'RE SENDING
HER ALL THE
WAY BACK TO
HELL, WHERE
SHE BELONGS.





KNULL, THE GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, HAS LANDED ON EARTH, COVERING THE PLANET IN A SYMBIOTE DOME AND SUBJECTING ALL OF HUMANITY TO HIS ARMY OF SYMBIOTE DRAGONS.

ANDI BENTON, HUMAN HOST TO THE SYMBIOTE **SCREAM**, HAS HER OWN COMPLICATED HISTORY WITH SYMBIOTES. FROM THE DEATH OF HER FATHER AND BEING IMBUED WITH A DEMONIC HELL-MARK THAT PROVIDES HER WITH HELLFIRE POWERS, TO FIGHTING THE HYBRID MIGHT OF SCREAM'S FOUR SYMBIOTE SIBLINGS, ANDI AND SCREAM HAVE FORGED AN UNBREAKABLE BOND. THROUGH IT ALL, ANDI HAS PERSEVERED TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST RESILIENT SYMBIOTE HEROES EARTH HAS TO PROTECT IT.

SCREAM

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BUT THIS TIME,
IT IS A PESTILENCE
THAT WALKS AMONG US!
THAT FLIES THROUGH THE
AIR AS MAGNIFICENT
BEASTS!

THAT CONSUMES
THE MEN AND WOMEN OF
THIS CITY, DELIVERING
THEM TO THEIR JUST REWARDS
DESPITE THEIR PROTESTS! WE
MUST **WELCOME IT** WITH
OPEN ARMS!

DON'T
HURT THEM,
SCREAM.

EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE, ANDI.

I WAS JUST LIKE THEM.
STILL AM, IN A WAY.

HURT. ALONE.
NOWHERE TO GO.
NO ONE TO HELP.

HAVE TO
GET THEM TO
SAFETY AND
THEN DEAL WITH--

NOT ANY
LONGER.

SSKRREEEE

SPLCH



SUCH A WASTE! EVEN NOW I CAN FEEL YOUR TRUE POWERS SIMMERING WITHIN...

BUT YOU'D RATHER STIFLE YOUR GIFTS. **SUPPRESS** YOUR HELL-MARK AND ITS WONDROUS FIRE! A FLAME UNLIKE ANY OTHER ON EARTH, GIVEN TO YOU BY THE **UNDERWORLD** ITSELF!

KRIK KRIK

ONLY SOMEONE **UNWORTHY** OF THEIR HELLFIRE WOULD SEE IT AS A CURSE.

NOT A GIFT.
A CURSE.
OUR CURSE.

SHUK SHUK SHUK

CRSSHHH



AAAAHAHAHAHA!

THOOM

TIME TO
SPREAD THE
GOSPEL!

KRASH

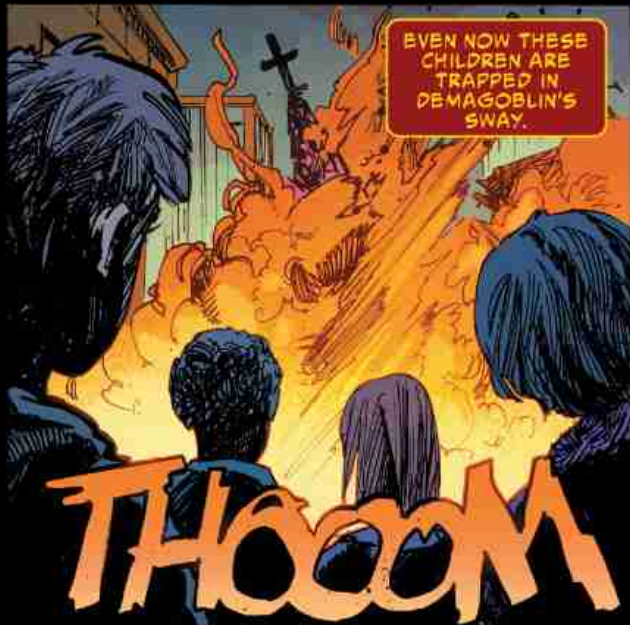
CAN'T CHASE AFTER
DEMAGOBLIN NOW.
SAVE HER FOR LATER.

FIRST WE NEED
TO SAVE THE
CHILDREN.

THAT MEANS
WE MUST...

...ADAPT.





EVEN NOW THESE CHILDREN ARE TRAPPED IN DEMAGOBLIN'S SWAY.

THOOM



MUST BE A FORM OF HER DARK EMPATHY.



SHE HAS DRAWN OUT THEIR PAIN, THEIR SENSE OF ABANDONMENT.

SHE MAKES THEM FEEL LIKE THEY FINALLY BELONG SOMEWHERE. NOW THEY BELONG TO HER.

KRRK



WH-WHAP? WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE SAFE, CHILD. YOU ALL ARE.

GO TO P.E.A.S.T. IT'S TEN BLOCKS UP THAT WAY. FIND MAY PARKER. TELL HER THAT--



SKRRREEEE!

AGH! CAN'T HEAR OURSELVES THINK UNDER DEMAGOBLIN'S SONIC SCREAM!

AGH! CAN'T HEAR OURSELVES THINK UNDER DEMAGOBLIN'S SONIC SCREAM!

LOOK
ABOUT YOU!
THE ANGELS
HERALD **HIS**
ARRIVAL!

HIS WRATH
IS NOW UPON
US! LET THOSE WHO
HAVE SINNED **FALL**
TO THEIR
KNEES!



DEMAGOBLIN HAS AN AERIAL ADVANTAGE.



WE NEED MORE LEVERAGE.



THERE YOU ARE! LOOK AT YOU...



...SCUTTling TO HIDE, LIKE ALL THE OTHER VERMIN IN THIS CITY.

YOU CANNOT HIDE FROM GOD'S MIGHTY WRATH!



HIDE? WE DON'T WANT TO HIDE. WE'RE HERE TO...

BOOM

BOOM







SHAK



YOU ARE
RIGHT,
DEMAGOBIN...
ENOUGH
TURMOIL.

GLLK!



ENOUGH
TRAUMA.

WE ARE
TIRED OF
BELIEVING
WE ARE A
VICTIM.



OUR PAIN
HAS MADE US
STRONGER. OUR
SCARS ARE OUR
HISTORY...



SHAK

...AND OUR
SCREAMS ARE
OUR LEGACY.



LEGACY, YES.
HISTORY, OF
COURSE. THAT'S
ALL THAT'LL BE
LEFT OF YOU...

LOOK.

I DON'T NEED TO
LOOK. I... WE
ALREADY FEEL IT.
FEEL HIM.

KNULL

THE KING
IN BLACK.

CAN YOU
FEEL
IT? HIS
POWER?

HARK! THE
LORD HAS SENT ME
A DELIVERER! THE
PESTILENT KING
HIMSELF!

TOO LATE,
SCREAM...TOO
LATE TO SAVE
YOUR INNOCENT
CHILDREN.

TOO LATE
TO SAVE THIS
MISERABLE
CITY.

THE COLD
DARK THAT
SWEEPS
OVER?

KNULL
IS HERE.

WE COME FROM
THAT DARKNESS.
THAT DARKNESS
WAS OUR HOME.

LET HIS
CLEANSING
COMMENCE!





YOU. WE
HAVE SENSED
YOU AND THE FAINT
LIGHT WITHIN
YOU BEFORE.

UH.

WHY ARE WE
NOT FIGHTING?

CAN'T.



CAN'T BRING
OURSELVES TO
HURT A GOD...

OUR
GOD.

YOU HAVE
BEEN A THORN
IN MY SIDE SINCE
I FIRST WOKE. YOU
EVADED CARNAGE,
AND YOU KILLED
ONE OF MY
CHILDREN.

I INTEND
TO REPAY
YOU IN KIND.
YOU...



...AND YOUR
HOST.

I WILL REND
YOU FROM HER
FIRST. THEN HER
FLESH. THEN THE
LITTLE SPARK THAT
BURNS WITHIN
HER.

YOU WANT
THE LIGHT
INSIDE OF US?
COME AND
TAKE IT.



SUCH
SPIRIT!

LET'S SEE
HOW WELL YOU
FARE AGAINST
ANOTHER OF MY
DRAGONS. NOW THAT
THEIR MASTER
IS NEAR.

SPLASH
SPLASH

I FEEL KNULL'S PSYCHIC
ASSAULT THE SECOND THE
DRAGON TOUCHES
ME. AND I'M NOT ALONE.

MY SYMBIOTE
FELT IT TOO.

TOO
POWERFUL...

I'M SORRY,
ANDI...

I KNOW,
SCREAM. BUT I
NEED YOU RIGHT
NOW, BECAUSE
RIGHT NOW...

...WE'RE
FALLING!

CAN'T REGAIN OUR
BALANCE. CAN'T KEEP
OURSELVES FROM--

MY PROGENY
HAVE TOILED SO
HARD. THEY DESERVE
A NEW TOY.

SWOMP

SOMETHING
TO PLAY
WITH.

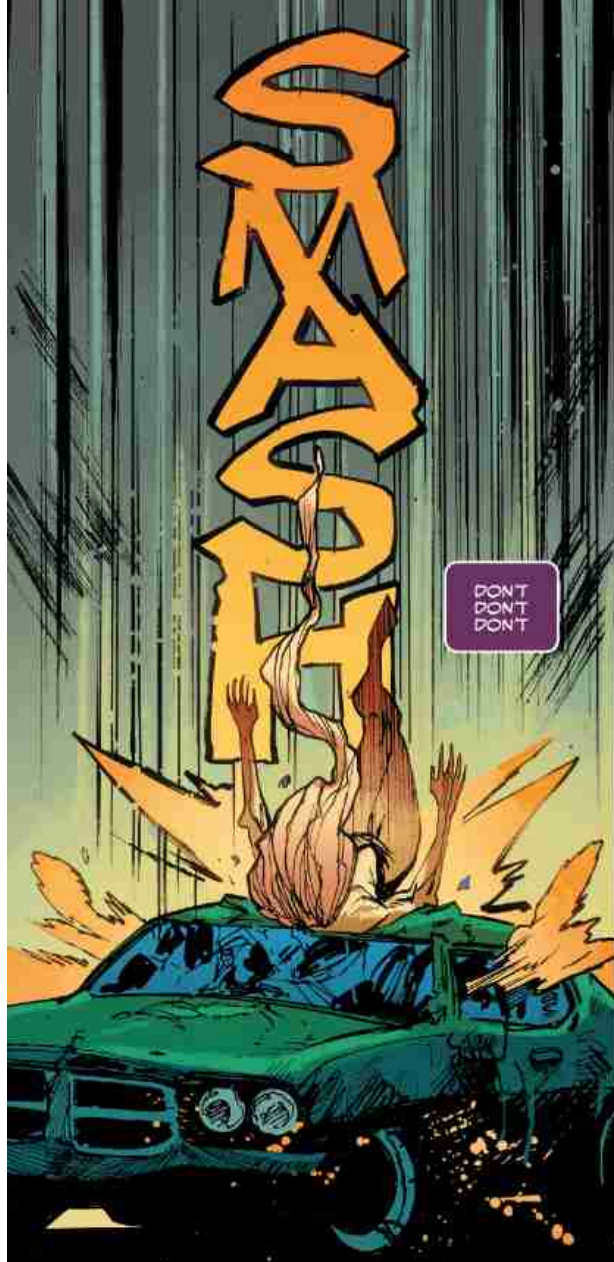
PAIN. TRYING
TO MINIMIZE
THE PAIN.

THERE'S
TOO MUCH...

SSSSNK

TOO
MUCH--





DONT
DONT
DONT



D-DONT...
LET GO...
OF...



MEEB...



GET
UP.

SHUFF
SHUFF



GOT TO...



...FIGHT.



FIGHT

THAT'S IT.
COME ON. YOU
CAN DO IT.

WE CAN
DO IT.

FIGHT
FIRE...

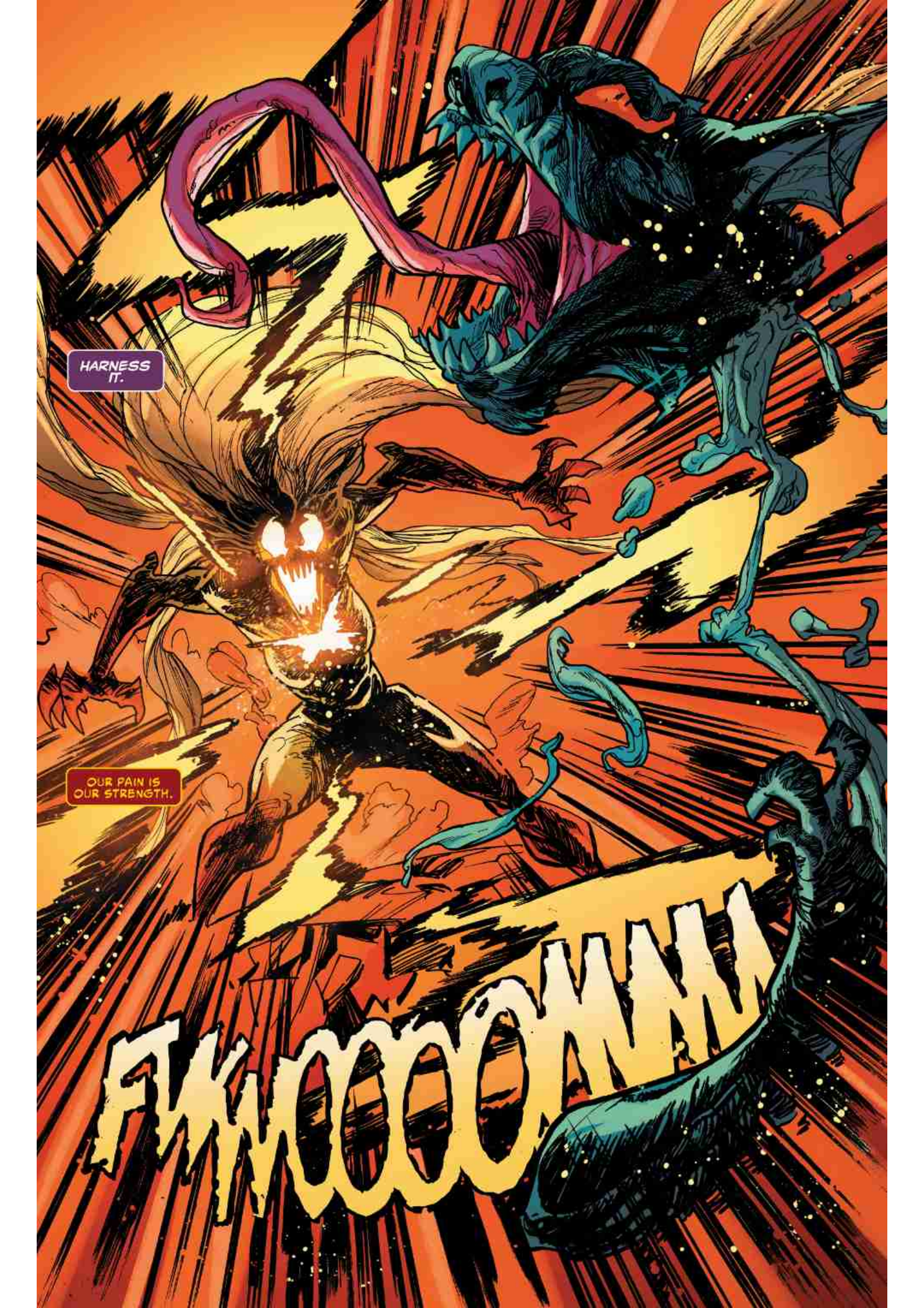
...WITH HELLFIRE.

FWWWWWWW
BOOM

A comic book panel depicting a confrontation. On the left, a character with dark hair and a blue jacket stands with a glowing yellow light on their chest. They are shouting "SSKREEEE..." in a jagged speech bubble. On the right, a large, dark, winged creature with a red glow on its face is roaring "SCOWL!" in a jagged speech bubble. The background is a fiery, orange and yellow landscape.



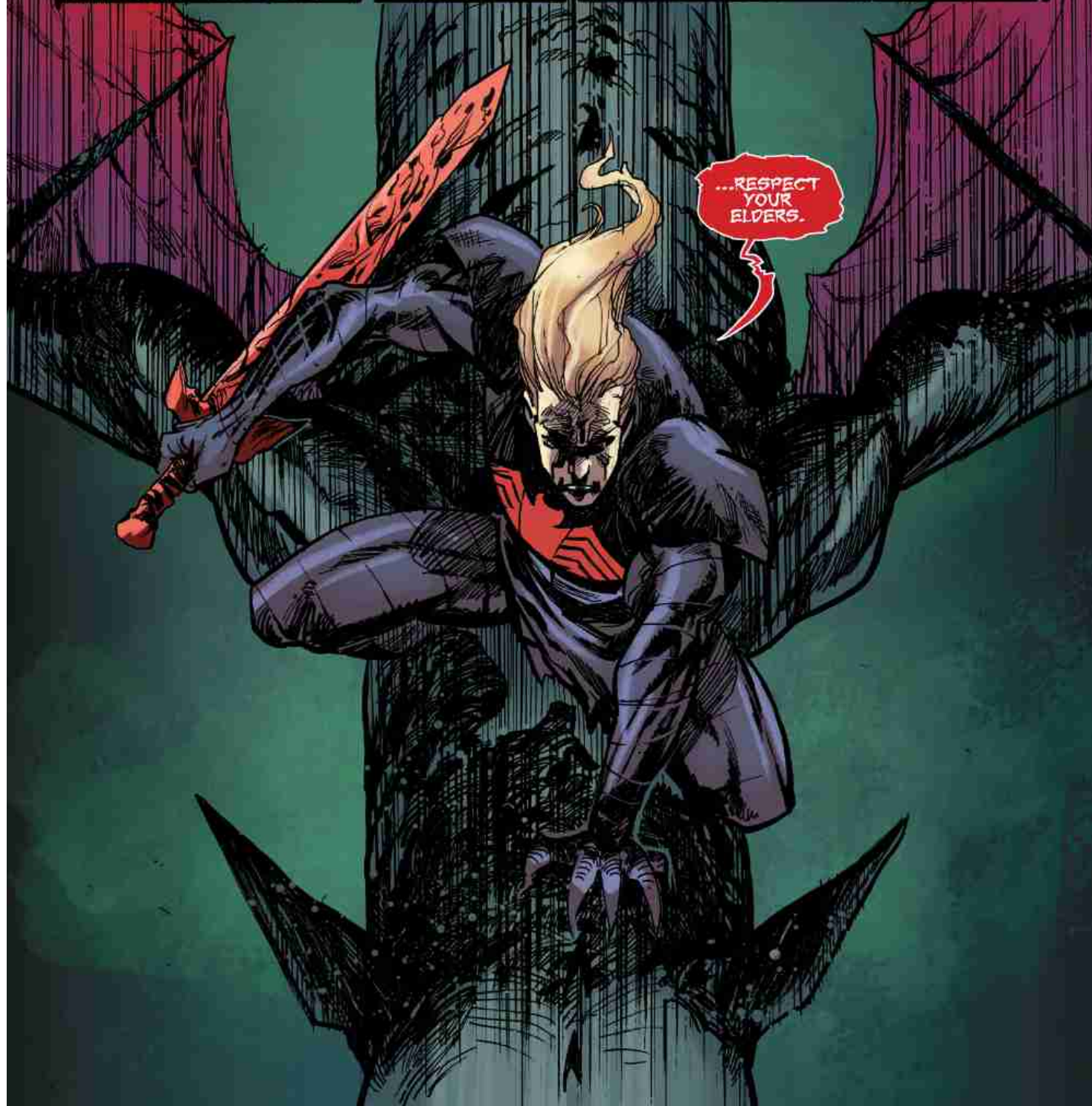
LEARN FROM
OUR PAIN. FEEL IT.
UNDERSTAND IT.



HARNESS
IT.

OUR PAIN IS
OUR STRENGTH.

FWOOOON





NEVER!

SKRRREEEEEE!

KRSHH

FWOOOOSH

WHEN WILL YOU LEARN?

YOU CANNOT STOP ME.

THOOM

YOU CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO COMPREHEND MY POWER.

I KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS BEFORE THEY MANIFEST EVEN WITHIN YOUR OWN MIND.

splck

splck

splck

I KNOW BECAUSE YOUR THOUGHTS ARE MY THOUGHTS.

CHOP

YOUR BLOOD IS MY BLOOD.

JOIN ME.

THCK

IT IS YOUR ONLY HOPE FOR LIVING ANOTHER DAY.



NOT TRUE.



WE NOW HAVE FIRE.



HELLFIRE.



HERE, HAVE SOME!



YES, AND!! I CAN FEEL IT THROUGH THE HIVE! THIS HURTS HIM! HE IS WOUNDED...

FWWOOSH!!

...AND PISSED. GUESS THIS GOD'S NOT AS INVINCIBLE AS HE THINKS HE IS.



WELL, WELL, YOU CERTAINLY ARE FULL OF SURPRISES.

I DON'T LIKE
SURPRISES.

TIME TO
EXTINGUISH
YOUR TINY
FLAME.

LOOK UPON
ME, CHILD.
SEE THE FACE
OF YOUR
DEMISE.

WE HAVE
A BETTER
IDEA...

OH?
INDULGE
US.

LISTEN
CLOSELY,
AND HEAR
USSS...



KWARRBOOOMM

SCREEEAAAAN!

BROWN

MCLEOD



WE'VE
GROWN TIRED
OF THESE
GAMES. YOU'VE
AMUSED
US...

...WHICH IS
WHY WE'LL LET
YOU LIVE. FOR NOW.
UNTIL WE DECIDE
WHAT TO DO
WITH YOU.

WE'LL SAVE
YOU THE TROUBLE.
JUST KEEP YOUR
EARS PEELED. THE
NEXT ONE TO
SCREAM...

...WILL
BE YOU.

WAS THAT WISE?
TAUNTING HIM?

WHO KNOWS?
WHO CARES.
WHAT MATTERS IS...

...NOW WE
KNOW WE CAN
HURT HIM.

THE END.

**WINTER
BLOOD**

**NEXT:
KING IN BLACK #5**





CHECKLIST

☒ **KING IN BLACK: GWENOM VS. CARNAGE #3**

CAN GWEN SAVE MARY JANE? OR WILL CARNAGE WIN?

☒ **KING IN BLACK: THUNDERBOLTS #3**

THE THUNDERBOLTS ARE DOING WHAT WITH WHO? THIS CAN'T END WELL FOR ANYONE!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: CAPTAIN AMERICA #1**

CAPTAIN AMERICA, FALCON AND THE WINTER SOLDIER HAVE BOOTS ON THE GROUND AGAINST AN ARMY OF SYMBIOTES!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: WICCAN AND HULKING #1**

A HONEYMOON UNLIKE ANY OTHER—THE NEWLYWEDS FACE THE WRATH OF KNULL!

☒ **FANTASTIC FOUR #30**

A FAMILY DIVIDED CANNOT STAND!

☒ **KING IN BLACK: SPIDER-MAN #1**

PETER PARKER FINDS INSPIRATION IN A YOUNG HERO: REPTILI

☒ **S.W.O.R.D. #4**

THE AGENTS OF S.W.O.R.D. ENGAGE PROTOCOL VI

☒ **KING IN BLACK: SCREAM #1**

DEFEATING HYBRID WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING! ENTER: DEMAGOBLIN!

☐ **SAVAGE AVENGERS #19**

CONAN IS TASKED WITH FREEING THE KNULLIFIED X-MEN—HE'S GOT HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM!

☐ **BETA RAY DILL #1**

WITHOUT STORMBREAKER, BETA RAY BILL MUST BATTLE THE KNULLIFIED FIN FANG FOOM!

☐ **KING IN BLACK: GHOST RIDER #1**

THE KING OF HELL FACES THE KING IN BLACK!

☐ **KING IN BLACK: RETURN OF THE VALKYRIES #4**

THE VALKYRIES ARE UNITED AGAINST KNULL—WITH EVERY SOUL IN EXISTENCE AT STAKE!

☐ **SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN: KING IN BLACK # 5**

MR. E'S FINAL PLAY TO FREE THE KING IN BLACK CRASHES DOWN ON SYMBIOTE SPIDEY!

THE CONCLUSION IS COMING!

☐ **KING IN BLACK: NAMOR #5**

THE WAVES OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT COLLIDE!

☐ **VENOM #34**

WHAT LIES BEYOND FOR EDDIE BROCK?

☐ **KING IN BLACK: PLANET OF THE SYMBIOTES #3**

CLOAK AND DAGGER FACE THE DARKNESS WHILE TOXIN RETURNS!

☐ **KING IN BLACK #5 (PICTURED)**

WHAT'S A GOD TO A NONBELIEVER?

